2004–2005 REGISTRATION FORM ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

P. O. BOX 300375

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CPE COURSES

Directions: Complete the details for the programs or courses in which you participated as an attendee or student; took selfstudy programs; or were a speaker, discussion leader or instructor. A minimum of 8 hours in Accounting and Auditing is required. A maximum of 8 hours in Behavioral courses will be applied toward the 40-hour requirement. Be sure to include the month, day(s), and year in the Date column. Courses must fall within the time period shown on the front of this form. Courses listed on attachments must show clearly the category and a total per category. Forms that have incorrect or incomplete information may be returned for correction, thus delaying your registration.

CPE Credit: One university/college semester credit hour equals 15 CPE hours

One university/college quarter credit hour equals 10 CPE hours

Each classroom hour (50 minutes) equals 1 CPE hour

A 6-hour prog	ram in one day e	equals 8 CPE hou	urs				
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Use this section to report CPE number of actual hours of the s			oresentation tim	ne.			
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2004-2005 REGISTRATION FORM AND CPE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Applicable changes in Board laws and rules have been incorporated into these instructions. You are encouraged to read all instructions since there are several updates.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION: All Alabama CPAs and PAs are required by law to register annually with the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board"). The only exception is for licensees who have previously elected retired status. Registration must be accomplished by completing and returning to the Board the enclosed form accompanied by a check payable to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy for the required fee. Your personal information as it appears on the Board's records has been preprinted for you to verify and revise as necessary.

Active Status. CPAs and PAs practicing public accounting in Alabama must obtain an annual permit to practice (active status). Effective October 1, 2003, the experience required to qualify initially for a permit to practice is one year of public accounting or two years in a qualifying accounting position in business, government or college teaching. Your experience must be verified in writing and sent to the Board office by your employer(s). Upon completion and verification of the required experience, you may apply for your initial permit to practice. A \$35.00 fee for an annual permit to practice, whether initial or renewal, must be submitted to the Board along with the 2004-2005 Registration Form. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) is required for active status and must be reported on the 2004-2005 Registration Form in the section entitled "Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Reporting For The Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004." Further details on reporting CPE are on the reverse side of these instructions.

Inactive Status. CPAs and PAs who do not desire an annual permit to practice public accounting (those electing inactive status) or those who are otherwise ineligible for an annual permit must also register with the Board. A \$25.00 fee is required along with the 2004-2005 Annual Registration Form for inactive status. NOTE! Effective October 1, 2007, CPAs and PAs who are on inactive status must place the word "inactive" adjacent to their CPA or PA title on any business card, letterhead, or any other document or device, except for their CPA or PA certificate, on which their CPA or PA title appears. If a CPA or PA on inactive status desires to return to active status, he or she must apply for an annual permit to practice with proof that 40 hours of CPE were obtained for each fiscal year of inactive status, not to exceed 120 hours of CPE. Fifty percent of the hours must be in accounting and auditing courses; 25 percent of the hours must be in tax courses; and all of the hours must be obtained during the three-year period preceding the date of the request for an annual permit to practice. No more than one-half of the hours can be in self-study courses.

Retired Status. CPAs and PAs who are eligible may elect retired status on the 2004-2005 Registration Form with no fee requirement. Effective February 27, 2004, retired status means a licensee has reached age 55 and is no longer performing any of the duties of public accounting.

WHEN AND HOW TO REGISTER: You must register on an official 2004-2005 Registration Form, a copy of which is enclosed. IMPORTANT: Original signature and date are required. Photocopies of the 2004-2005 Registration Form and those downloaded from www.asbpa.state.al.us/registration.htm are acceptable with an original signature and date. Your registration form and appropriate fee are due in the Board office on October 1, 2004; however, the rules do provide a grace period for filing through December 31, 2004. This grace period only applies to submission of the completed forms. CPE must be earned during the fiscal year and completed by

September 30, 2004. All completed registrations should be mailed to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy, P.O. Box 300375, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0375.

DELINQUENT STATUS: Registration submittals postmarked after December 31, 2004, are considered delinquent. A \$100.00 penalty is due for registrations postmarked from January 1, 2005, through March 31, 2005. The penalty increases to \$500.00 for registrations postmarked April 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005. After that date, disciplinary actions ensue for unpaid fees and penalties; therefore, you are encouraged to file as near the October 1, 2004, due date as possible.

CPE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004: Alabama CPAs and PAs who hold an annual permit to practice (active status) must complete 40 hours of acceptable CPE during the fiscal year that began on October 1, 2003, and ended on September 30, 2004. At least eight hours must be in accounting and auditing, and no more than eight hours in behavioral courses will be accepted. Other maximum limits include 20 hours a year for self-study, 10 hours for publications authored, and eight hours for technical sessions at professional meetings. CPE hours may not be carried over. CPE completion records should be retained for a minimum of five fiscal years. No CPE hours are required this reporting period for new CPAs certified and/or licensed after October 1, 2003. If you cannot meet the CPE requirements by September 30, 2004, due to reasonable cause, please contact the Board office to formalize a CPE completion schedule.

There are three categories on the reverse side of the Registration Form for detailing the CPE you completed for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004: Professional Development Programs, Seminars, and Educational Classes Attended; Correspondence or Individual Study Programs; and Speaker, Discussion Leader or Instructor. Each category has been annotated with applicable information from the rules to assist you in completion of the categories. Summary totals from these three categories should be entered on the front side of the form in the subsection entitled *CPE earned by Alabama standards*.

The section entitled *CPE claimed by reciprocity* has been included to implement the CPE Reciprocity agreements between the Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee Boards of Public Accountancy. This portion of the form is applicable only to Alabama CPAs domiciled in and holding valid CPA certificates issued by those states. If applicable to you, fill in your Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee CPA Certificate number on the blank provided and attach a copy of your most recent CPE Report. Those reports are the Mississippi CPE Report for the period July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004; North Carolina CPE Report for January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003; the South Carolina CPE Report for January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003; and the Tennessee CPE Report for the most recent biennial report, January 1 - December 31. If you are eligible to claim CPE by reciprocity, you are not required to complete the subsection entitled *CPE earned by Alabama standards* or detail your CPE courses on the reverse side of the form.

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS: Sole proprietorships were added to the firm definition by Act 95-516 of the Alabama Legislature effective July 31, 1995. If you are practicing as a sole proprietorship, you must register annually as an individual CPA or PA and as a firm. Annual Firm Registration Forms are mailed only to those firms currently registered with the Board. If you are practicing as a sole proprietorship or have created a new firm of another type and such firm is not currently registered with the Board, it is your responsibility to contact the Board office, register the firm, and obtain a firm permit to practice for 2004-2005.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Board rules require that you notify us in writing within 30 days of any change of address and/or change in your business affiliation. Such changes can be either mailed or faxed (334/242-2711) to the Board office. There is also an on-line change of information form at www.asbpa.state.al.us/infochangeCPA.htm.

OTHER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: In addition to registering with the Board, Section 40-12-71 of the <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u> requires Certified Public Accountants engaged in the practice of public accounting to obtain an annual license (\$25 fee) at the office of the county probate judge or other county licensing agency. Details of this law may be found at www.asbpa.state.al.us/laws.htm.